

**Department of
Veterans Affairs**

Memorandum

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From: Acting Chief Academic Affiliations Officer (141), VHA Central Office Washington, DC

Subj: Physician Post Resident Fellowship Program in Health Services Research and Development

To: Facility Directors and Center Directors of Health Services Research and Development Centers of Excellence

1. The Office of Academic Affiliations (OAA) is pleased to announce the expansion of the Physician Post Resident Fellowship Program in Health Services Research and Development (HSR&D). As one of the facilities with HSR&D Centers of Excellence that are not currently funded for this program, your facility is eligible to apply. The goals of the fellowship program are to (1) enhance health services research knowledge and skills of physicians and (2) increase recruitment and retention of HSR&D researchers within the Veterans Health Administration (VHA).
2. The attached Program Announcement provides information, policies, and procedures to VA facilities with HSR&D Centers of Excellence that wish to apply. The due date for applications is **Wednesday, August 3, 2005**. We are not able to accept faxes or late applications. Due to mail problems in the District of Columbia, please send the applications by Federal Express.
3. Approved sites may recruit fellows to begin the program July 1, 2006. For the first year of the program (July 1, 2006-June 30, 2007), each selected site will be funded for one fellow. Starting in July 2007, each selected site will be funded for two fellows.
4. For questions about this program, please contact **Stuart Gilman, MD** at 562 862-5595 ext 3974 or by email at Stuart.Gilman@lrn.va.gov ; or **Gloria J. Holland, PhD** at 202.273-8946 or by e-mail at Gloria.Holland@va.gov .

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